

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 14, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. CLAY submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Harrison Sargent, praying for a pension, beg leave to report:*

That the petitioner represents that he served in the Louisiana volunteers, and that he was disabled while in service by disease contracted.

The rolls show that he served from May 8, to August 4, 1846; but they afford no evidence that he was sick or disabled while in the service.

On the 8th August, 1846, it appears he entered the naval service only four days subsequent to his discharge from the army, and continued therein until the 24th November, 1849; it is not, therefore, very probable that he would have been received into the naval service at that date unless he had been found free from any physical disability.

The only evidence of his sickness while in either the army or navy is shown by the following extract from the register of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department:

“Harrison Sargent, ordinary seamen, was admitted into the naval hospital, Pensacola, from the United States steamer Mississippi, with ‘fever,’ on the 14th August, 1847, and was discharged ‘cured,’ September 13, 1847.”

There is not the least evidence to sustain his petition, either from his officers or comrades; and the statements made in his memorial to Congress conflict with and contradict his letter of the 16th August, 1847, addressed to his parents while in the naval hospital at Pensacola; consequently no reliance can be placed upon either.

Your committee, therefore, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved,* That the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

